



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

On

*Sept. 13, 2001*

By

*Katie Zarzana*  
Katie Zarzana

*SAU 3763*  
**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No.: D-10

*#8*

*Response*  
*S. Bryce*  
*9/19/01*

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

STEPHEN M. BRUNELL et al.

Application No.: 09/293,231

Filed: April 16, 1999

For: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR  
ELECTROSURGICAL REMOVAL OF THE  
STRATUM CORNEUM**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Examiner: M. Mendez

Art Unit: 3763

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 17, 2001, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 24-38, without traverse.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 736-0224.

Respectfully submitted,

*[Signature]*  
John T. Raffle  
Reg. No. 38,585

ArthroCare Corporation  
595 N. Pastoria Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94085-2936  
(408) 736-0224

RECEIVED  
SEP 21 2001  
TC 3700 MAIL ROOM